

## **CHILD AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT**

The County Attorney's Division of Health and Human Services represents the Department of Health and Human Services, including Child Welfare Services in Juvenile Court, and Adult Protective Services.

<b>Action - Child Welfare Services/Juvenile Court</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>
Number of Children in Need of Assistance (CINA) or Guardianship Hearings	2284	2617	2418	1405
Number of New CINA Petitions Filed	255	305	210	112
Number of CINA Cases Closed	234	278	275	124
Number of New Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Petitions Filed	59	44	59	18
Number of TPRs Granted	71	30	53	11
Number of New Adoption Petitions Filed	16	57	43	19
Number of Adoptions Granted	22	57	34	20

The HHS Division also represents the Public Guardianship Program, a highly specialized department within HHS. For adults under 65, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services may be appointed as guardian of the person. For adults over 65, the Director of the County Office on Aging may be appointed as guardian of the person. For both age groups, Maryland law stipulates that the County may only be appointed as guardian as a last resort, when there are no other viable alternatives.

<b>Action - Adult Protective Services/Circuit Court</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>
Number of Adult Guardianship Hearings	55	59	64	35
Number of Adult Guardianship Petitions Filed	11	11	22	8